

Hamptonians: Remember to Recycle Your Christmas Trees!

Christmas trees are a wonderful part of our holiday season, but when the holidays are over and the live-cut Christmas tree needs to go, here's how to recycle it:

Residents with Curbside Garbage and Recycling Collection: Set your tree out for collection on any regular garbage collection day. See instructions below.

Residents Living in Apartments, Condos, and Townhouses without City collection: Take your tree to the Hampton Yard Waste Transfer Site, 100 N. Park Lane, just off Big Bethel Road, just north of the intersection with Thomas Nelson Drive. The Yard Waste Transfer Site is the first driveway on the right after turning onto N. Park Lane. See instructions below.

Instructions for Recycling: Bare live-cut trees only (no artificial trees) can be recycled. Remove ornaments, tinsel, and stands. Do not place in bag or netting. Curbside recyclers, please make sure your tree is separated from regular and bulk trash and your recycling container by three feet and that there are no electrical or other utility wires above.

Trees are recycled at the VPPSA Compost Facility, where they will be made into mulch. You can tour this facility on the next Tour de Trash, which will be held April 5th from 9am – 3pm. Sign up at http://www.hampton.gov/hccc/ww_form.php

Alternatives to City Recycling: Place your live-cut tree (no ornaments or tinsel) near shrubs in your back yard to provide shelter for birds and other wild animals. Carefully chip your Christmas tree in your home chipper and mix into your home compost pile. Do not put freshly chipped Christmas trees (or any branches) on your plant beds, because they will use nutrients your plants need as they decompose.

Please recycle your live-cut Christmas tree! You'll help replenish the natural resources required to grow and transport your tree by recycling it after you are finished with it.

For residents with artificial trees that need to be disposed of: if your tree is in good shape, offer it to a local thrift store or other local charity. If it is broken and you have curbside service, place it at curbside separate from your leaves, grass, or branches. If you live in an apartment, condo, or townhouse without curbside service, take it apart and dispose of it in the garbage dumpster.

For more information: <http://hampton.gov/publicworks/solidwaste/> or call 727-8311.